

Houses Votes to Fund Critical Projects for Joint Base

House bill delivers over \$36 million for the Joint Base

Burlington County – Congressman John Adler today announced \$9.8 million in federal funding that he helped secure for the nation's first tri-service Joint Base. Yesterday, the House of Representatives passed, with Congressman Adler's support, three critical projects for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The federal funding, which strengthens the Joint Base's mission, will go towards the construction of a Machine Gun Range, as well as a new Command Facility and Military Housing. In May, Congressman Adler and Congressman Rob Andrews (NJ-1) worked together to include the Machine Gun Range as part of the FY2011 National Defense Authorization Act.

"The Joint Base supports our troops and our local economy," Congressman John Adler said. "These investments will strengthen the Joint Base's mission and our national security. Our Armed Forces need the resources to remain the world's best standing military."

In addition to the funding the Congressman secured for the Machine Gun Range, the House Appropriations Committee also passed \$18.4 million for housing on the Joint Base, and \$8 million to construct a command facility for the Joint Base's realignment. Outlines of the \$36.2 million in projects are below:

- Machine Gun Range - Establishes an Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range to train Army, Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers. This project will convert the Mobile Military Operations on Urban Terrain site to a standard design Multipurpose Machine Gun Range. This project is required to train and test soldiers on the skills necessary to perform their mission. The resulting range will satisfy the training and qualification requirements of light and heavy machine guns.

- Military Housing – This funding will construct new housing opportunities for military personnel on the Joint Base. This housing has been recognized by the administration as a key way to meet the needs of the 21st century war fighter.

- Command Facility – The new command facility will consolidate command operations for the new joint-base. Presently, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst uses the McGuire Air Force Base's command facility. This funding will give the new command team new facilities to best carry out the base's mission.

- Last year, Congressman Adler secured over \$20 million for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The funds went towards the construction of a civil engineering complex and a war fighter and family support center for the Joint Base. The funds also went towards

operational and maintenance costs for "The from Warrior to the Community program." The bill must now be approved by the Senate and is subject to a conference, before heading to the President's desk for his signature.